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Addendum

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Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001 (item 4 (b))

Section 6. Peaceful uses of outer space

1. At its 28th meeting, on 22 June 1999, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered section 6, Peaceful use of outer space, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001 (A/54/6 (Sect. 6)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the budget section and responded to questions raised during the Committee's consideration of the budget section.

Discussion

3. Support was expressed for the activities undertaken by the Office for Outer Space Affairs. It was noted that the activities in space technology served as an important tool for developing countries in the areas of remote sensing, telecommunications and meteorology. It was also noted with appreciation that the programme of activities of the section was implemented efficiently and effectively by the Office of Outer Space Affairs.

4. The view was expressed that the description of expected accomplishments should be refined to ensure that they are measurable.

Conclusions and recommendations

5. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of section 6, Peaceful use of outer space, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000–2001, subject to the inclusion of the words "and sustained

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economic growth", at the end of the penultimate sentence of paragraph 6.4, and after the words "sustainable development" in the first sentence of paragraph 6.5.

6. In the light of the limited number of staff, the Committee appreciated the activities of the Office of Outer Space Affairs in the preparations for the Third United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UNISPACE III).